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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER GANDI

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT FORD TO PRIME MINISTER GANDHI. BEGIN QUOTE:

2. DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS WE CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION.

I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS
FIRST INTERNATIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE GREAT
HOPES FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE.

THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY COMBINING
THEIR SKILLS AND INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE
ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND
ATTAINING COMMON GOALS ON EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE.

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SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

4. FYI: TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, I WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE SUCCESSFUL LINK-UP IN SPACE BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SOVIET ASTRONAUTS. THIS THRILLING ACHIEVEMENT IS A TRIBUTE TO MAN'S SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE AND SYMBOLISES THE POSSIBILITIES OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS. MAY THE BRILLIANT SCIENTIFIC CAPACITIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION BE HARNESSSED FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND. INDIRA GANDHI. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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